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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

**MS: RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A Final Office action was mailed on March 31, 2006 by the PTO. This Preliminary Response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 for the above identified application, and is filed with a Petition for extension of time for two months with necessary fees.

This submission is accompanied by Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.132, by Dr. Paul Polakis (with Exhibits A and B), and by Dr. Randy Scott. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with copies of additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments. Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement and Declaration be made of record in the above-identified application, and be considered by the Examiner.

**Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.